

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

VAHID SUTA,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE HOME DEPOT INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. C22-744RSL

**AMENDED ORDER SETTING
TRIAL DATE & RELATED DATES**

TRIAL DATE

April 22, 2024

All motions in limine must be filed by and noted on the motion calendar no earlier than the second Friday thereafter. Replies will be accepted.

March 11, 2024

Agreed pretrial order due

March 29, 2024

Pretrial conference to be scheduled by the Court

Trial briefs, proposed voir dire questions, proposed jury instructions, and trial exhibits due

April 17, 2024

Length of Trial: 6 Days

Jury

All other dates have already passed or are specified in the Local Civil Rules. If any of the dates identified in this Order or the Local Civil Rules fall on a weekend or federal holiday, the act or event shall be performed on the next business day. These are firm dates that can be changed only by order of the Court, not by agreement of counsel or the parties. The Court will

1 alter these dates only upon stipulation of the parties or good cause shown. Failure to complete
2 discovery within the time allowed is not recognized as good cause.

3 If the trial date assigned to this matter creates an irreconcilable conflict, counsel must
4 notify Teri Roberts, the judicial assistant, at 206-370-8810 within 14 days of the date of this
5 Order and must set forth the exact nature of the conflict. A failure to do so will be deemed a
6 waiver. Counsel must be prepared to begin trial on the date scheduled, but it should be
7 understood that the trial may have to await the completion of other cases.

8 The settlement conference conducted between the close of discovery and the filing of
9 dispositive motions requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference between persons
10 with authority to settle the case. The settlement conference does not have to involve a third-
11 party neutral.

12 ALTERATIONS TO ELECTRONIC FILING PROCEDURES AND LOCAL RULES

13 Information and procedures for electronic filing can be found on the Western District of
14 Washington's website at www.wawd.uscourts.gov. *Pro se* litigants may file either
15 electronically or in paper form. The following alterations to the Electronic Filing Procedures
16 apply in all cases pending before Judge Lasnik:

17 – Alteration to Section III, Paragraph M of the Electronic Filing Procedures - Unless the
18 proposed order is stipulated, agreed, or otherwise uncontested, the parties need not e-mail a copy
19 of the order to the judge's e-mail address.

20 – Pursuant to LCR 10(e)(10), all references in the parties' filings to exhibits should be as
21 specific as possible (*i.e.*, the reference should cite the specific page numbers, paragraphs, line
22 numbers, etc.). All exhibits must be marked to designate testimony or evidence referred to in the
23 parties' filings. Filings that do not comply with LCR 10(e) may be rejected and/or returned to
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1 the filing party, particularly if a party submits lengthy deposition testimony without highlighting
2 or other required markings.

3 – Alteration to LCR 7(d)(4) - Any motion *in limine* must be filed by the date set forth
4 above and noted on the motion calendar no earlier than the second Friday thereafter. Any
5 response is due on or before the Wednesday before the noting date. Parties may file and serve a
6 reply memoranda, not to exceed nine pages in length, on or before the noting date.

7 PRIVACY POLICY

8 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2 and Local Civil Rule 5.2, parties must
9 redact the following information from documents and exhibits before they are filed with the
10 court:

11 * Dates of Birth - redact to the year of birth, unless deceased

12 * Names of Minor Children - redact to the initials, unless deceased or currently over the
13 age of 18

14 * Social Security Numbers and Taxpayer Identification Numbers - redact in their entirety

15 * Financial Accounting Information - redact to the last four digits

16 * Passport Numbers and Driver License Numbers - redact in their entirety

17 All documents filed in the above-captioned matter must comply with Federal Rule of
18 Civil Procedure 5.2 and Local Civil Rule 5.2.

19 COOPERATION

20 As required by Local Civil Rule 37(a), all discovery matters are to be resolved by
21 agreement if possible. Counsel are further directed to cooperate in resolving case management
22 issues and preparing the final pretrial order in the format required by Local Civil Rule 16.1,
23 except as ordered below.


1 TRIAL EXHIBITS

2 The original and two copies of the trial exhibits are to be delivered to chambers five days
3 before the trial date. Each exhibit shall be clearly marked. Exhibit tags are available in the
4 Clerk's Office. Plaintiff's exhibits shall be numbered consecutively beginning with 1;
5 defendant's exhibits shall be numbered consecutively beginning with 500. Duplicate documents
6 shall not be listed twice: once a party has identified an exhibit in the pretrial order, any party may
7 use it. Each set of exhibits shall be submitted in one or more three-ring binders with
8 appropriately numbered tabs.

9 SETTLEMENT

10 Should this case settle, counsel shall notify the Deputy Clerk, Victoria Ericksen at 206-
11 370-8517, as soon as possible. Pursuant to LCR 11(b), an attorney who fails to give the Deputy
12 Clerk prompt notice of settlement may be subject to such discipline as the Court deems
13 appropriate.

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15 DATED this 18th day of January, 2024.

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18 Robert S. Lasnik
19 United States District Judge
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